

Gimme Shelter

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40 Hour Adopt-a-thon

Animal Care and Control is pleased to announce **Homeward Bound 2007**— a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Animal Shelter! Beginning at 8:00am **on Friday, June 29**, we will open our doors for adoptions... and not close until **midnight Saturday night!**



That's right – we are hosting a **40 Hour Adopt-a-thon!** There has never been a better time to visit the Loudoun County Animal Shelter and find a new best friend.

In addition to adoptions, enjoy:

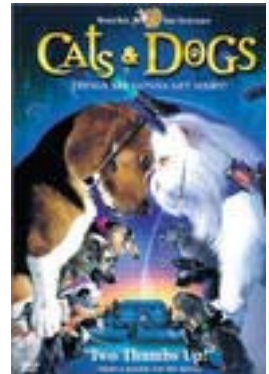
- 9:00-11:00am both mornings with **free espresso drinks**.
- The "Dog Days of Summer" ice cream cart with **free frozen treats**.
- **Great music!** WINC-FM (92.5) will broadcast live from 6-8pm Friday night.
- WTRI-AM (1520) will broadcast "Forgotten 45s" - music from 1967 - Saturday morning from 10am-1pm.
- **Free "Proud Pet Parent" T-shirts** for all adopters. One lucky adopter will win a signed *Mutts* print too.
- A "Shelter Scavenger Hunt" for kids and drawings for cool pet prizes all day!
- Rabbitwise with info for potential bunny parents on their new pets.

Plus, we've invited our breed rescue and humane society partners to join us with animals available for adoption. You can visit with these great organizations on Saturday:

- The Humane Society of Loudoun County – 10:00am – 12:00pm
<http://www.hslcva.org>
- Siamese Cat Rescue Center – 1:00pm - 3:00pm <http://www.siameserescue.org/>
- Virginia German Shepherd Rescue – 4:00pm – 6:00pm
<http://www.shepherdrescue.org/>

We hope to see you here for Homeward Bound 2007: Adopt Around the Clock!

Shelter Cinema!



We are very excited to present our first ever "Shelter Cinema" - a free family movie on our front lawn Friday night!

We'll be showing "Cats & Dogs" on a jumbo screen starting at **8:45pm Friday night** (weather permitting). Popcorn is included for the first 100 guests!

We invite you and your family to bring a blanket and enjoy the show! Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol or glass containers please.

For more info on Cats & Dogs, visit <http://catsanddogsmovie.warnerbros.com/>.



Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month

If you've been thinking of adopting a cat, then June is the purr-fect time to do it! We have lots of wonderful cats and kittens looking for loving homes.

Cats outrank dogs as America's # 1 pet, and it is easy to see why. They may have the reputation for being aloof, but that's often far from true! Cats are affectionate, playful, and loyal. They make wonderful pets, and their natural independence often means they are easier to care for and adapt to our busy schedules

Cats never require a 5am walk for a "potty break," and when the weather is bad they are content to stay indoors for a nice long nap. They don't need to be

housebroken, as they instinctively know to use a litter box. All they ask is for you to show them where it is and to keep it clean!

Cats can also be left alone for longer periods of time (as long as the food, water, and litter box are well attended). They are happy to entertain themselves, though they often enjoy having a kitty companion to pal around with.

If you haven't discovered the joys of having a cat in your life, then come to the Loudoun County Animal Shelter during Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat month and find a feline friend!

Visit our website—www.loudoun.gov/animals—to see cats available for adoption!



Employee of the Month

Mark Stacks is June's Employee of the Month! Mark has been with the Department for two years, and currently works as an Animal Control Officer.

Mark excels in his work as an ACO, and is always enthusiastic and unselfish. His willingness to pitch-in and help as needed has earned great respect from his coworkers, especially when volunteering to cover shifts and on-call duty or assisting another ACO with a difficult or volatile customer.

Recently, Mark assisted in a case involving an intoxicated driver with a dog in the car, and his efforts to ensure that the dog was reunited with its rightful owner demonstrated his commitment and professionalism. Mark is an asset to Animal Control and to the Department as a whole.

Thank you Mark for all you do!



Congratulations Mark!

What We're Up To...

Junior Volunteers are Coming!

The 2007 Junior Volunteer program begins **Tuesday, June 26**. We welcome three groups of 14 & 15 year olds to the program this year, with each session lasting for 2 weeks.

During their time here, the Junior Volunteers will learn many aspects of working in both the Animal Shelter and with Animal Control. They'll go on field trips and be involved in daily work and special projects.

Welcome Junior Volunteers!

New Summer Hours

Along with more daylight, summer brings more opportunities to adopt a pet! Our summer adoption hours are:

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 11am-6pm**
- **Wednesday: 3pm-8pm**
- **Saturday: 11am-5pm**

These hours will be in effect through Labor Day weekend. Come visit!

Retriever Recap

As we reported in last month's newsletter, May was Adopt A Loudoun County Retriever month in honor of Loudoun County's 250th Anniversary.

We are happy to report that **21 dogs** found new homes in May, an increase of **75%** over May 2006.

Thank you to everyone that adopted a Loudoun County Retriever in May... and don't forget that we always have wonderful dogs just waiting for families of their own.